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1 – 47.   (CANCELLED)

48.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of facilitating a lottery ticket

transaction, the lottery ticket being associated with a lottery number combination,

comprising:

receiving ~~from~~ a request by a player ~~a request~~ to purchase ~~the~~ a lottery ticket

for a lottery drawing;

determining whether ~~receiving~~ a request has been made by the player that

the lottery number combination ~~will~~ be exclusively associated with only a single

lottery ticket for the lottery drawing;

performing one of (a) or (b):

(a) if a request that the lottery number combination be exclusively

associated with only a single lottery ticket has been made by the player, in

response to the request by the player that the lottery number combination be

exclusively associated with only a single lottery ticket for the lottery

drawing,

determining the lottery number combination such that the

lottery number combination is exclusively associated with only a

single lottery ticket for the lottery drawing,

in which determining the lottery number combination

comprises using a random process to select at least one number

of the lottery number combination; and

preventing the lottery number combination from being

associated with at least one additional lottery ticket for the lottery

drawing; or

(b) if a request that the lottery number combination be exclusively

associated with only a single lottery ticket has not been made by the player,

determining the lottery number combination such that it is possible that at

the time of the lottery drawing the lottery number combination could be

associated with more than one lottery ticket for the lottery drawing;

and

outputting an indication of the lottery number combination determined

according to either (a) or (b).

49 – 51.   (CANCELLED)

52.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:

receiving, from a lottery terminal at a retail store, a request to purchase a

lottery ticket for a drawing in a pari-mutuel lottery;

receiving, from the lottery terminal, an indication of a request by a player that a set of symbols is to be associated with no more than a predetermined number of ~~occurrences~~ lottery tickets with respect to the drawing; ~~and~~

in response to receiving the indication from the lottery terminal, determining the set of symbols; and

transmitting an indication of the determined set of symbols to the lottery terminal.

53.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 52 wherein the predetermined number of ~~occurrences~~ lottery tickets is one ~~occurrence~~ lottery ticket.

54.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

preventing at least one lottery ticket from being associated with the determined set of symbols.

55.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

determining a lottery ticket identifier.

56.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 55, further comprising:

transmitting an indication of the lottery ticket identifier ~~and the determined set of symbols~~ to the lottery terminal.

57.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 52 wherein determining the set of symbols comprises:

determining a set of symbols that has not previously been associated with any ~~occurrences~~ lottery ticket with respect to the drawing.

58.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 57 further comprising:

preventing at least one lottery ticket from being associated with the determined set of symbols.

59.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

storing an indication of a price for the lottery ticket.

60.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 59 further comprising:

determining the price based on the predetermined number of ~~occurrences~~ lottery tickets.

61.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59 further comprising:

determining the price based on the received indication.

62.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52 wherein determining the set of symbols comprises:

randomly determining the set of symbols.

63.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 62 further comprising:

verifying that the randomly determined set of symbols has not previously been associated with at least one other lottery ticket for the drawing.

64.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 62 further comprising:

preventing at least one lottery ticket from being associated with the randomly determined set of symbols.

65.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

printing a lottery ticket that includes the determined set of symbols.

66 – 67.   (CANCELLED)

68.   (NEW) The method of claim 52, in which the predetermined number is selected by the player.

69.   (NEW) The method of claim 52, in which the predetermined number is not selected by a lottery authority.

70.   (NEW) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

receiving, from the lottery terminal, an indication of a selection by the player of the predetermined number from a plurality of available options.

71.   (NEW) The method of claim 70, in which the plurality of available options includes an option to have no maximum number.

72.   (NEW) The method of claim 70, in which the plurality of available options is predetermined by a lottery authority.

73.   (NEW) A computer readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a computing device to perform steps of:

receiving, from a lottery terminal at a retail store, a request to purchase a lottery ticket for a drawing in a pari-mutuel lottery;

receiving, from the lottery terminal, an indication of a request by a player that a set of symbols is to be associated with no more than a predetermined number of lottery tickets with respect to the drawing;

in response to receiving the indication from the lottery terminal, determining the set of symbols; and

transmitting an indication of the determined set of symbols to the lottery terminal.

74.   (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device in communication with the processor, the storage device storing instructions configured to direct the processor to perform steps of:

receiving, from a lottery terminal at a retail store, a request to purchase a lottery ticket for a drawing in a pari-mutuel lottery;

receiving, from the lottery terminal, an indication of a request by a player that a set of symbols is to be associated with no more than a predetermined number of lottery tickets with respect to the drawing;

in response to receiving the indication from the lottery terminal, determining the set of symbols; and

transmitting an indication of the determined set of symbols to the lottery terminal.

75.   (NEW) A method comprising:

receiving, from a lottery terminal at a retail store, a request to purchase a first quick pick lottery ticket for a drawing in a pari-mutuel lottery game;

receiving, from the lottery terminal, an indication of a request by a player that a set of symbols is to be associated with no more than a definite number of randomly determined occurrences with respect to the drawing;

in response to receiving the indication from the lottery terminal, randomly determining the set of symbols, where the randomly determined set of symbols may otherwise be associated with an indefinite number of randomly determined occurrences greater than the definite number of randomly determined occurrences were it not for receiving the indication of the request from the player that the set of symbols is to be associated with no more than the definite number of randomly determined occurrences with respect to the drawing;

storing an indication that the randomly determined set of symbols is to be associated with no more than the definite number of randomly determined occurrences with respect to the drawing;

preventing subsequent random determination of the set of symbols with respect to at least a second quick pick lottery ticket for the drawing; and

outputting a record of the randomly determined set of symbols for the player.